

## May 6, 2011

Cities and Counties across the country will be celebrating their historic past and embracing their sustainable future as they celebrate **Historic Preservation and Sustainability this month**. The City's Planning and Sustainability Department is preparing many activities to bring awareness to citizens of Franklin. The following are events planned by **City Preservation Planner Amanda Hall**.

- Interactive Preservation Month assembly for the 1st-6th grade class at Montessori School. The assembly will educate students about the importance of historic preservation in Franklin and about historic architectural styles one can find throughout the community. If your student group is interested in celebrating, please feel free to contact Amanda at 550.6737 or Amanda.Hall@franklintn.gov!
- The City of Franklin is celebrating Preservation Month with a "My Historic Franklin" campaign. Franklin citizens are invited to submit photographs of buildings and landscapes that they believe are important to the community's identity and should be preserved. Please visit the City's Website at <a href="www.franklintn.gov/planning">www.franklintn.gov/planning</a> for more information. (email pics through May 13th to 20th) Photos will be put on display at City Hall! Email photos to <a href="mailto:myhistoricfranklin@franklintn.gov">myhistoricfranklin@franklintn.gov</a>.

The following are events planned by **Sustainability/Grants Coordinator Andrew Orr.** 

- A Lunch and Learn workshop Tuesday May 10th 11:30am-12:30pm in the Community Room of the Franklin Police Headquarters. Dodd Galbreath, Executive Director of the Lipscomb Institute for Sustainable Practice, will make a presentation describing the core principles of sustainability, trends in Middle Tennessee and the nation, and also talk about the Lipscomb program. A brief tour of the facility's green roof will follow. (Is this open for people to still attend?)
- Student Artwork Display in City Hall. Including Oak View Elementary, Sunset Elementary and Edmondson Elementary schools.



**National Public Works Weeks is happening May 9-13.** The week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. The City of Franklin Public Works Departments include Engineering, Parks, Solid Waste, Streets and Water Management. All those departments will participate in a Touch-a-Truck event at Pinkerton Park, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from

5:00pm to 7:30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to get to see the trucks up close, and meet the City Staff who keep our City beautiful, safe and clean.

Six Franklin Police Officers left for Alabama Sunday and provided authorities in Tuscaloosa with assistance this week. The recent storms that brought widespread death and destruction to the region taxed local resources where area police officers have worked around the clock. Sergeants Eric Anderson and David Prather, along with Detective Chad Pace, and Officers Carlos Martin, Jim Gibson, and Ben Jones assisted with a variety of police services earlier this week. "Pictures just don't do justice to what the wide-spread devastation



actually looks like from here," said Sergeant Anderson. Sergeant David Prather said, "Being here, and helping to provide even a little relief to brothers and sisters in blue who are serving their community in spite of their own personal losses is an honor – it's just what you do."

This weekend, German Shepherd **K9 teams** from across the United States will be in town to compete for their chance for a spot on the U.S. team at the World Championship. The competition, hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America and the **Franklin Police Department**, will be held on May 7 and 8 from 8:00 am until noon at Freedom Intermediate School, 840 Glass Lane in Franklin. This weekend's top 10 teams will compete in Kentucky in June where 'top dogs' will be chosen to travel to the Ukraine to compete in the World Championship. Last year, Franklin Police Lieutenant Carl Smith and his partner, Bodo, were among those who earned their place to compete in Spain. Tickets to the event are \$5, children under 12 are free.

City Engineer Paul Holzen, of our Engineering department is this week's winner of the Mayor's parking spot. Paul was nominated by Sarah Sappington and Monique McCullough. They said, "Paul always maintains a positive attitude and is willing to do anything he can to help a fellow employee and the citizens of Franklin." Haven't you seen someone doing a good job? Maybe they are particularly good at customer service or they went out of their way to help you! If you see someone doing a good job, please take a moment and nominate them for this one week luxury. Email agoodjob@franklintn.gov with your nominations. We'll keep them on file for a drawing each Monday. Paul, you can begin your parking reign this Monday May 9-13. Congratulations!

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